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Dear SLD representatives,

I wish to refer to CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 and submit an appeal to the deadline of December 14, 2000 for year 4 Forms 470. We have filed our form 470 but it did not meet the deadline. We will also be late for the 471 deadline of January 18, 2001 because of the 28 day waiting period between filings.

Beginning on December 12, 2000, the State of Arkansas experienced a series of winter storms that immobilized much of the state for many weeks. Some schools were unable to meet for four weeks due to accumulations of ice and sleet that resisted any thaw.

Those storms, and holiday break are the unusual circumstances that have prevented us from meeting the December 12 filing deadline. We have since filed Form 470 on January 15, 2001.

I have included documentation of the disaster, which was classified as such by President Clinton on December 28, 2000.

- January 1, 2001 "30 counties added to disaster declaration"
- B: January 8, 2001 Batesville Daily Guard: "Out for 4 weeks"
- January 10, 2001 "9 Arkansas counties added to disaster Declaration"
- D: January 10, 2001 "FEMA-1354-DR Arkansas Status"
- E: January 12, 2001 "More counties to receive federal Disaster Assistance."

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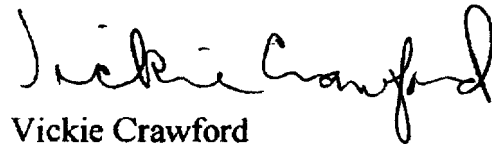
We hope that you will consider these unusual circumstances and allow us to continue our application process.

Sincerely,



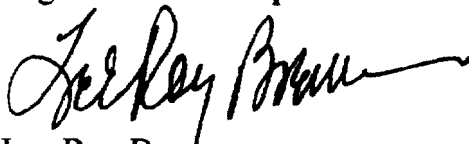
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30 COUNTIES ADDED TO DISASTER DECLARATION FOR AID TO INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

CONWAY, AR—30 Arkansas counties included in the Emergency Declaration Dec. 28 by President Clinton are now included in the Major Disaster Declaration. This means individuals and businesses, as well as local governments in these counties, are now eligible to apply for federal and state disaster-recovery assistance.

The assistance, to be coordinated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), can include grants to help pay for temporary housing, minor home repairs and other serious disaster-related expenses. Low-interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration also will be available to cover residential and business losses not fully compensated by insurance. Additionally, federal funds will be available to the state and affected local governments to pay 75 percent of the eligible cost for debris removal, emergency services and debris removal.

To apply for assistance, call 1-800-462-9029, or 1-800-461-7585 for speech- and hearing-impaired individuals. The lines are answered from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily until further notice.

The newly added counties are: Benton, Clark, Crawford, Cross, Faulkner, Franklin, Garland, Hot Spring, Hempstead, Howard, Jackson, Johnson, Lee, Little River, Logan, Madison, Miller, Mississippi, Montgomery, Perry, Pike, Poinsett, Saline, Scott, Sebastian, Sevier, Washington, White, Woodruff and Yell.

Counties originally included in the major disaster declaration are: Arkansas, Bradley, Calhoun, Cleveland, Columbia, Crittenden, Dallas, Desha, Drew, Grant, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lincoln, Lonoke, Monroe, Nevada, Ouachita, Polk, Prairie, Pulaski, St. Francis and Union.

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Out for 4 weeks, schools reopen

By Larry Stroud

Guard Associate Editor

CAVE CITY — Because of the long layoff due to icy weather, taking nine weeks' tests are optional for Cave City junior high and high school students, said Steven Green, assistant principal.

Cave City students are back in school today, for the first time since Dec. 12. All area schools are again in session.

At Cave City, tests will be given Tuesday. Grades must be reported by Wednesday, Green said. The school does not give semester tests; only nine weeks' test.

Students have the option of taking the grade they have at this point, or taking the test to try to improve upon that grade, Green said. However, the test results could lower a student's grade if the student doesn't do well on the test, he said.

Green said most students will probably not take the tests.

"We wanted to give the kids who have a 58 or 59, a point or two

away, the chance to bring their grades up," without penalizing students who have been off so long by making tests mandatory, he said.

"It's just a bad situation, missing four weeks of school. We're just trying to make the best of it," Green said.

Students and teachers alike seem glad to be back in school, he said.

"The kids are happy to get back ... they've been cooped up, and they're glad to see their friends."

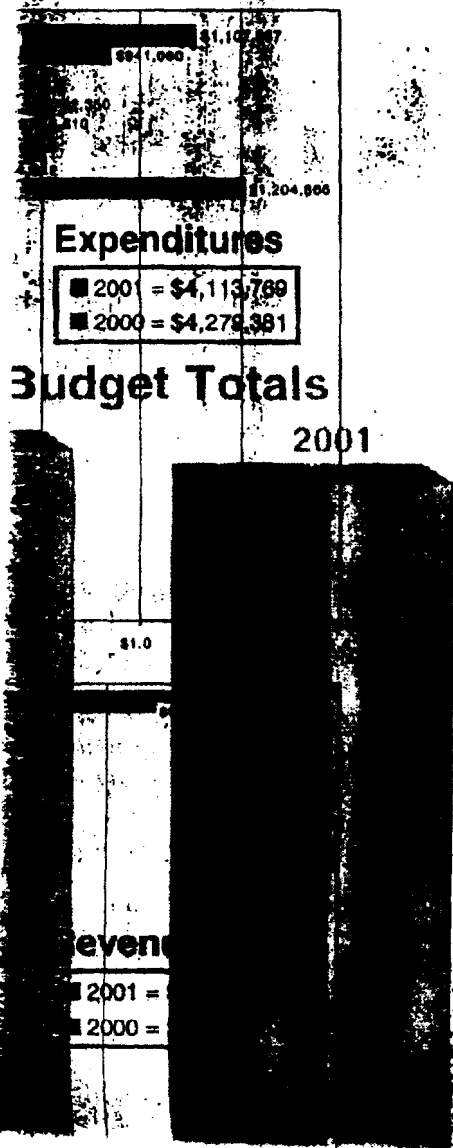
Green said that if no more school is lost to bad weather, administrators still intend to complete the school term before Memorial Day.

But, he said, "There's lots of winter left."

"We used two or three COE (Comprehensive Outcomes Evaluation) days, where teachers came in, so we got some days in," he said. "We did some work on improving the school and improving on our test scores. We used our time off wisely."

"We're glad to be back."

New Sheriff targets Deputy Program





January 10, 2001
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9 ARKANSAS COUNTIES ADDED TO DISASTER DECLARATION AID TO GOVERNMENTS EXPANDED

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Nine additional Arkansas counties are now included in the Major Disaster Declaration for assistance to governments and certain nonprofits to help with recovery from the December ice storms. This brings the total number of counties included in the declaration to 61.

The newly added counties are Conway, Fulton, Izard, Marion, Newton, Pope, Searcy, Stone and Van Buren.

All 61 counties are eligible for reimbursement of expenses incurred for:

- Emergency protective measures,
- Debris removal and
- Repair or replacement to public infrastructure such as roads, bridges and utilities.

Other counties included in the declaration are: Arkansas, Benton, Bradley, Calhoun, Clark, Cleveland, Columbia, Crawford, Crittenden, Cross, Dallas, Desha, Drew, Faulkner, Franklin, Garland, Grant, Hot Spring, Hempstead, Howard, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Lafayette, Lee, Lincoln, Little River, Logan, Lonoke, Madison, Miller, Mississippi, Monroe, Montgomery, Nevada, Ouachita, Perry, Pike, Poinsett, Polk, Prairie, Pulaski, St. Francis, Saline, Scott, Sebastian, Sevier, Union, Washington, White, Woodruff and Yell.

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*Dec. 28 Declared disaster
area by Clinton*
Storms date: 12/12/00 and after.



More Counties to Receive Federal Disaster Assistance

For Complete Coverage of this Disaster

Little Rock, AR, January 11, 2001 -- Eight counties have been added to the list of Arkansas counties eligible for federal disaster assistance following ice storms beginning Dec. 12, officials of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced today.

Individuals and businesses in Baxter, Conway, Independence, Izard, Newton, Pope, Searcy and Van Buren counties now are eligible to apply for disaster assistance, which can include grants to help pay for temporary housing, minor home repairs and other serious disaster-related expenses. Low-interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration also will be available to cover residential and business losses not fully compensated by insurance.

The addition of these eight counties brings to 60 the number of Arkansas counties eligible for help to individuals. These counties are: Arkansas, Baxter, Benton, Bradley, Calhoun, Clark, Cleveland, Columbia, Conway, Crawford, Crittenden, Cross, Dallas, Desha, Drew, Faulkner, Franklin, Garland, Grant, Hot Spring, Hempstead, Howard, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Lafayette, Lee, Lincoln, Little River, Logan, Lonoke, Madison, Miller, Mississippi, Monroe, Montgomery, Nevada, Newton, Ouachita, Perry, Pike, Poinsett, Polk, Pope, Prairie, Pulaski, St. Francis, Saline, Scott, Searcy, Sebastian, Sevier, Union, Van Buren, Washington, White, Woodruff and Yell.

Residents and business owners are urged to call the toll-free registration line at 800-462-9029 to apply for disaster aid. A special line for hearing- or speech-impaired persons is 800-525-0321. The lines are answered from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily until further notice.

Updated: January 12, 2001

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